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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, BREZHNEV DESCRIBED EXISTING JAPNESE PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS IN DETAIL BUT OTHERWISE SPOKE ONLY IN GENERALITIES ABOUT THE NEED FOR A LONG-TERM VIEW OF DEVELOPMENT AS REGARDS BOTH SIBERIA AND SOVIET-JAPANESE ECONOMIC RELATIONS DURING HIS AUG 13 MEETING WITH JAPAN'S FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS (KEIDANREN). IN RESPONSE, PRESIDENT DOKO EMPHASIZED THE JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S INTEREST IN DEALING WITH SPECIFIC PROJECTS, EACH OF WHICH WOULD, HE SAID, BE CONSIDERED ON ITS INDIVIDUAL MERITS. END SUMMARY.

2. I MET WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW SHIGEMITSU ON AUG
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DELEGATION FROM THE FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WAS HEADED BY ITS PRESIDENT, T KOKO. (POLITICAL ASPECTS WERE REPORTED IN REFTEL.)

3. SHIGEMITSU, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, SAID BREZHNEV TALKED PRACTICALLY ALL THE TIME AT THE MEETING AND DOMINATED THE DISCUSSION. HE HAD A VERY DETAILED BRIEFING PAPER ON THE JAPANESE PROJECTS FOR WHICH CONTRACTS HAD BEEN SIGNED, AND HE WENT OVER EACH ONE OF THEM BUT, ACCORDING TO SHIGEMITSU, SAID NOTHING PARTICULARLY NEW. SPEAKING IN GENERALITIES, HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT AND SPOKE FAVORABLY OF SOVIET-JAPANESE TRADE COOPERATION.

4. IN THE BRIEF TIME AVAILABLE TO HIM FOR A RESPONSE, DOKO AGREED WITH BREZHNEV ABOUT THE NEED FOR LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT, BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THE JAPANESE GROUP WAS COMPOSED OF BUSINESSMEN AND THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN CONCRETE PROJECTS WHICH THEY WILL APPROACH STEP BY STEP. JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN ARE INTERESTED IN EXPORTING TO THE SOVIET UNION IF IT IS INTERESTED IN BUYING SAID DOKO, BUT THEY WILL LOOK AT EACH CASE ON ITS INDIVIDUAL MERITS. DOKO SAID THE SAME THING IS ALSO TRUE FOR IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION. (SHIGEMITSU DID NOT MENTION COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS, BUT ANOTHER SOURCE TELLS US THAT DOKO SAID THAT SOME JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS IN THE PAST BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN FORCED TO TAKE GOODS THAT WERE NOT WANTED IN THE JAPANESE MARKET). THERE WAS, HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC TALK OF FURTHER PROJECTS.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTER OF EXPANDING TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES, DOKO SAID THAT IT WAS, OF COURSE, IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE A GOOD PUBLIC ATMOSPHERE IN ORDER FOR THIS TO TAKE PLACE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BREZHNEV WOULD FACILITATE THE GROWTH OF SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE: BREZHNEV RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY BUT GENERALLY.

6. IN DESCRIBING THE GENESIS OF THE TRIP SHIGEMITSU SAID THAT IT IS TRADITIONAL FOR THE PRESIDENT OF KEIDANREN TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPANESE SIDE OF THE USSR-JAPAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AS WELL BUT DOKO DID NOT WISH TO DO THAT. CONFIDENTIAL

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(APPARENTLY THE PREVIOUS MAN WILL CONTINUE IN THAT POSITION.) BECAUSE DOKO WOULD NOT BE TAKING THE CHAIRMAN JOB. SHIGEMITSU HAS BEEN AFTER DOKO TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. DOKO, HOWEVER, PUT OFF THE IDEA OF A TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION AND VISITED THE PRC FIRST INSTEAD. ACCORDING TO SHIGEMITSU, ONE COULD SAY THAT DOKO'S PRESENT TRIP WAS AT JAPANESE INITIATIVE, AND THE GROUP WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED (SEE REFTEL). STOESEL

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